

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2429–S2482*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2461–2467, S. Res. 407–411, and S. Con. Res. 84. **Page S2467**

**Measures Passed:**

**Higher Education Extension Act:** Senate passed H.R. 4911, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2480**

**Financial Literacy Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 410, designating April 2006 as “Financial Literacy Month”. **Pages S2480–81**

**Recognizing Gallaudet University:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 411, recognizing a milestone in the history of Gallaudet University. **Page S2481**

**Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S2439–60**

**Adopted:**

By 84 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 78), Wyden/Grassley Amendment No. 2944, to establish as a standing order of the Senate a requirement that a Senator publicly disclose a notice of intent to object to proceeding to any measure or matter. **Pages S2454–59**

**Rejected:**

By 30 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 77), Collins/McCain/Lieberman Amendment No. 3176 (to Amendment 2944), to establish the Senate Office of Public Integrity. **Pages S2440–54, S2459**

**Withdrawn:**

Schumer Amendment No. 2959 (to Amendment No. 2944), to prohibit any foreign government-owned or -controlled company that recognized the Taliban as the legitimate government of Afghanistan during the Taliban’s rule between 1996–2001 may own, lease, operate, or manage real property or facility at a United States port. **Pages S2439–40**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By unanimous consent, Frist motion to reconsider the vote (Vote No. 36), by which the motion to invoke cloture on the bill failed on Thursday, March 9, 2006, was agreed to. **Page S2460**

By 81 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 79), upon reconsideration, two-thirds of those Senators voting, a quorum being present, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2460**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, where Senator Feingold will be recognized to offer Amendment No. 2962 relating to the definition of lobbyist for purposes of gifts; provided further, that there be 40 minutes equally divided for debate prior to a vote in relation to the amendment, with no second-degree amendments in order to the amendment. **Page S2482**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, all time until the Senate resumes consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, count against the time limit under the provisions of rule 22; provided further, that all first-degree amendments that qualify under rule 22 be offered no later than 11 a.m., on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, other than a managers’ amendment to be cleared by the managers and the 2 leaders. **Page S2482**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:50 a.m., on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, Senator Dodd or his designee be recognized to call up amendments on behalf of himself or others, and that at 10:55 a.m., Senator Lott or his designee be recognized to call up amendments on behalf of himself or others. **Page S2482**

**Securing America’s Borders Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform. **Pages S2460–61**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be vitiated. **Page S2461**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S2482**

**Measures Read First Time:** **Pages S2465, S2481–82**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S2465–67**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2467–69**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2463–65**

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**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Pages S2479–80**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2480**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—79) **Pages S2459, S2460**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:44 a.m., and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2482.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from John W. Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Mark Limbaugh, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of State and foreign operations, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (ARMY)

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Army, after re-

ceiving testimony from Francis Harvey, Secretary, and General Peter Schoomaker, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Army, Department of Defense.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on Air Force and Navy tactical aviation programs, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Donald B. Marron, Acting Director, Congressional Budget Office; Christopher Bolkcom, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Lieutenant General Donald J. Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Rear Admiral Thomas J. Kilcline, Jr., USN, Director, Air Warfare Division, and Rear Admiral Steven L. Enewold, USN, Program Executive Officer, Joint Strike Fighter Program, both of the United States Navy.

### FAA BUDGET

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Federal Aviation Administration and the long-term viability of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund (AATF), after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Todd J. Zinser, Acting Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; and Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

### MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. efforts to promote anti-corruption strategies of multilateral development banks, after receiving testimony from Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Cynthia S. Perry, African Development Bank, and Ruth E. Levine, Center for Global Development, both of Washington, D.C.; William Easterly, New York University, New York, New York; and Adam Lerrick, Carnegie Mellon University Tepper School of Business, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Warren W. Tichenor, of Texas, to be U.S. Representative to the